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of Yugoslav Marine Units

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#### THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

- The structure of Yugoslav Marine units is the same as that of Soviet Marine units. Yugoslav Marines have been formed into the following three divisions:
  - 1 Marine Division: composed of infantry units
  - 2 Marine Division: composed of artillery units
  - 3 Marine Division: composed of special mixed units.
- The following is the formation of a Yugoslav Marine infantry division:
  - Structure of a Marine infantry division:
    - Divisional headquarters;
    - Three infantry brigades (regiments);
    - One artillery brigade.
  - b. Structure of a Marine infantry brigade:
    - Brigade headquarters:
    - 2) Three infantry battalions:
    - 3) One coast artillery (mobile artillery) battalion;
    - 4) One engineer battalion;
    - One medical unit;
    - One anti-aircraft platoon.
  - Structure of a Marine infantry battalion:
    - 1) Battalion headquarters;
    - Three rifle groups; 2)
    - 3) One battalion of mobile artillery:
    - 4) One anti-aircraft company.

A Marine battalion comprises 500 men including headquarters personnel.

d. Structure of a Marine artillery battalion:

It is difficult to establish definitively the composition of a Marine artillery battalion because provisions to rearm all Marine units have

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been made recently. Reportedly, the Yugoslav military authorities intend to change all artillery pieces of the Marine units, but with what types the present weapons will be substituted is unknown. At present the formation of a Marine artillery battalion consists of four batteries, each with 12 to 15 cannons. These cannons are of the following calibers: 153 mm., long-barrelled; 120 mm., long-barrelled; 90 mm and 76 mm. The two latter types are old French cannons. In those cases where substitutions have taken place, the new cannons have been of 127 mm., 120mm., and 100 mm. calibers.

- e. The structure of a Marine engineer battalion is as follows: one company of pioneers; one communications company. The pioneer company is equipped with machinery required for the construction and repair of defensive positions. The communications group is equipped with W/T sets and also has a platoon of field telephone operators.
- f. Structure of a medical unit:

Each medical unit is equipped with a mobile dispensary which has 26 hospital beds and one transportation unit. The latter has 12 vehicles which are used for the transportation of equipment as well as of the sick and the wounded. The head of each dispensary generally is a medical student who is serving his conscription period in the Yugoslav Navy.

g. Structure of a Marine anti-aircraft company:

Each anti-aircraft company is composed of one battery of anti-aircraft cannons. The majority of these cannons are the German 88 mm. type; there are also, in lesser numbers, anti-aircraft cannons of 37 mm. and 20 mm. These latter types are two - or four-barrelled. Each anti-aircraft group is also equipped with four amplifiers (probably listening devices) of German manufacture.

- 3. Headquarters of the Marine Infantry Division described above is located in Dubrovnik. General Gligo Mandic was divisional commander until September 1949. Following that date, he assumed command of all Yugoslav Marine units. The present commander of this division is an unnamed colonel.
- 4. Disposition of the units of the above-mentioned division:
  - a. 1 Marine Infantry Brigade: Headquarters in Novi Herceg. The units of this brigade are dispersed along the coastline of the southern Adriatic, beginning at the Yugoslav-Albanian border and ending at Cavtat. The commander is Major Petar Milic.
  - b. 2 Marine Infantry Brigade: Headquarters in Sibenik. The units of this brigade are dispersed along the Yugoslav coast in the central Adriatic, beginning at Dubrovnik and ending at Zadar. The commander is Major Branko Radvic.
  - c. 3 Marine Infantry Brigade: Headquarters in Rijeka. The units of this brigade are dispersed along the northern Adriatic coastline of Yugoslavia beginning at Zadar and ending at Piran. The commander is Major Ratko Borovic.
  - d. 4 Marine Artillery Brigade: Headquarters of this artillery brigade, which is attached to the above-mentioned division, is located in Split. In addition to its units in Split, units of this artillery brigade are also dispersed in those sectors where the infantry brigades are located.

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<u>Comment</u>: In an effort to better prepare all command personnel of Marine units, the General Staff of the Yugoslav Navy has established a large school at Budva wherein officers and non-commissioned officers are trained. The instructors are high-ranking officers drawn both from the Army and the Navy.

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